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Title: ENABLING PRINTING FEATURES FOR AUTHORIZED USERS**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10-19, and 21-22 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for enabling features of a printing device, said method comprising:
 - requiring authorization of a user before enabling at least one feature of the printing device;
 - receiving information to be printed such that the printing device is enabled to print the information to be printed without ~~a first~~ the at least one feature of the printing device being enabled;
 - ~~receiving information corresponding to an authorization of a user, the information including a designation of at least the first feature of the printing device that the user desires to enable~~
 - receiving authorization information of the user for use of the at least one feature of the printing device;
 - if the user is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieving enabling information adapted to enable at least the first feature for the at least one feature of the printing device;
 - and
 - ~~enabling at least the first feature~~ the at least one feature of the printing device using the enabling information ~~retrieved~~ such that the information to be printed is printed using the ~~first feature of the printing device~~ the at least one feature.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - providing a user authorization tag including the authorization information ~~corresponding to the authorization of the user;~~ and
 - wherein receiving the authorization information ~~corresponding to the authorization of~~ the user is accomplished when the user authorization tag is in a proximity of the printing device.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether the authorization information ~~corresponding to the authorization~~
of the user is being received; and
discontinuing printing of the information to be printed using ~~at least the first feature if~~
~~the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is not being received~~ the at
least one feature if the authorization information of the user is not being received.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the enabling
information ~~adapted to enable at least the first feature for the at least one feature~~ comprises:
accessing a storage medium external to the printing device; and
retrieving the enabling information ~~adapted to enable at least the first feature from the~~
storage medium.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the storage medium is a Web site.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
providing the storage medium.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the enabling information
~~adapted to enable at least the first feature for the at least one feature~~ is stored by the printing
device.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving identification information corresponding to a print cartridge of the printing
device;
determining whether the identification information corresponding to the print
cartridge is associated with the printing device; and
if the identification information corresponding to the print cartridge is not associated
with the printing device, notifying the user that the print cartridge may not be associated with
the printing device.

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10. (Currently Amended) A print system comprising:

a printing device configured to receive information to be printed having a first print cartridge and an identification reader, the first print cartridge containing a print substance for printing on a print medium, the first cartridge having a readable identification tag for providing first information, the identification reader being configured to receive the first information from the identification tag, such that, if the first information corresponds to the printing device, the identification reader enables the printing device to print; and

a feature-enabling system communicating communicated with the printing device, the feature-enabling system being configured to:

require authorization of a user before at least one feature of the printing device is enabled;

receive information to be printed such that enable the printing device is enabled to print the information to be printed without a first feature the at least one feature of the printing device being enabled;

receive information corresponding to an authorization of a user, the information including a designation of at least the first feature of the printing device that the user desires to enable

receive authorization information of the user for use of the at least one feature of the printing device;

if the user is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieve information adapted to enable at least the first feature the at least one feature of the printing device; and

enable at least the first feature the at least one feature of the printing device using the information retrieved such that the information to be printed is printed using the first feature of the printing device the at least one feature.

11. (Currently Amended) The print system of ~~claim 10~~ claim 16, wherein the identification reader includes a receiver, the receiver being adapted to receive the authorization information corresponding to the authorization of the user via wireless communication.

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12. (Currently Amended) The print system of ~~claim 10~~ claim 16, wherein the identification reader includes means for receiving information via wireless communication.
13. (Currently Amended) The print system of ~~claim 10~~ claim 16, further comprising:
a user authorization tag adapted to communicate with the identification reader via wireless communication, the user authorization tag including a memory, the memory storing the authorization information corresponding to the authorization of the user.
14. (Currently Amended) The print system of claim 13, wherein the user authorization tag includes information configured to enable the feature-enabling system to retrieve the information adapted to enable ~~at least the first feature~~ the at least one feature of the printing device.
15. (Currently Amended) The print system of claim 13, wherein the user authorization tag includes a Uniform Resources Locator corresponding to the information adapted to enable ~~at least the first feature~~ the at least one feature of the printing device.
16. (Currently Amended) The print system of claim 10, ~~further comprising wherein the printing device comprises:~~
a ~~second print cartridge having a print substance for printing on a print medium and a readable identification tag for providing the first information, the second print cartridge being adapted to be installed in the printing device after the first print cartridge is removed from the printing device~~
a print cartridge containing a print substance for printing on a print medium, the print cartridge having a readable identification tag for providing identification information; and
an identification reader configured to receive the identification information from the readable identification tag, wherein, if the identification information corresponds to the printing device, the identification reader enables the printing device to print.

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17. (Currently Amended) The print system of claim 10, wherein ~~the first feature~~ the at least one feature is one of: a half-toning algorithm, a font, a digital signature and a photo algorithm.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for use with a printing device, said computer readable medium comprising:

logic configured to:

require authorization of a user before at least one feature of the printing device is enabled;

receive information to be printed such that and enable the printing device is enabled to print the information to be printed without a first feature the at least one feature of the printing device being enabled;

receive information corresponding to an authorization of a user, the information including a designation of at least the first feature that the user desires to enable

receive authorization information of the user for use of the at least one feature of the printing device;

if the user is authorized to use the at least one feature, retrieve information adapted to enable at least the first feature the at least one feature of the printing device; and

enable at least the first feature the at least one feature of the printing device using the information retrieved such that the information to be printed is printed using the first feature of the printing device; and

print the information to be printed using the at least one feature.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:

logic configured to access a Web site; and

logic configured to retrieve the information adapted to enable ~~at least the first feature~~ the at least one feature from the Web site.

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20. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:
- logic configured to determine whether identification information corresponding to a print cartridge is associated with the printing device; and
- logic configured to notify the user if the identification information corresponding to the print cartridge is not associated with the printing device.
21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:
- logic configured to determine whether the authorization information ~~corresponding to the authorization of the user is being received~~; and
- logic configured to discontinue printing by the printing device using ~~at least the first feature if the information corresponding to the authorization of the user is not being received~~ the at least one feature if the authorization information of the user is not being received.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the first feature is a half-toning algorithm~~ the at least one feature is one of: a half-toning algorithm, a font, a digital signature and a photo algorithm.